

# The 10th Annual Charles River Cleanup

Come join more than 2,200 other volunteers along all 80 miles of the Charles River in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Cleanup on Saturday, April 25 from 9am-12pm! You will be part of a group picking up trash (including shopping carts, plastic bottles, and old tires) from along the banks of the Charles River at one of 40 sites from Boston to Bellingham. Volunteers are provided with gloves, trash bags, and a free t-shirt for participating, and you will have the satisfaction of knowing you've helped improve the health and beauty of the Charles River! For more information, visit <http://www.crwa.org/cleanup.html> or call 781-788-0007 x303.

## **Collaborating organizations 2009:**

Charles River Watershed Association  
Charles River Conservancy  
The Esplanade Association  
City of Newton, Public Works Dept.  
Senator Tolman's Office  
Trustees of Reservations  
Emerald Necklace Conservancy  
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

## **Major sponsors 2009:**

The Cadmus Group, Inc.  
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## **Background information:**

Since 2000, the Charles River Watershed Association has coordinated the Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup each April with a collaborative of other non-profit organizations. The Cleanup involves volunteers picking up trash at over 40 different cleanup sites along the Charles River and its tributaries.

In the first year of the project, we had 800 volunteers; last year, at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Cleanup, we had over 2,200 volunteers. Volunteers participated as part of more than 100 different neighborhood, school, religious, and corporate groups, as well as individually. Our volunteers remove trash and debris (including television sets, bicycles, Styrofoam cups, and plastic bags) located in the river and on its banks at sites along the 80-mile river. At last year's event, we estimate that we removed 25 tons of litter, making the Charles River cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful!

The Charles River Cleanup is organized by a collaborative of groups interested in keeping the river and our communities clean and healthy. Under the guidance and leadership of the Charles River Watershed Association, these organizations (listed above) meet monthly starting in January to prepare for the annual event.

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